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SUBJECT: TAPLINE LETTER TO SYRIAN GOVERNMENT

REF: A. BEIRUT 3387; B. BEIRUT 3400

1. TAPLINE'S SYRIAN REP, MAHMOUD EL-YOUSSEF, PROVIDED AMBASSADOR MARCH 18 WITH COPY OF TAPLINE MARCH 17 LETTER TO SARG PM AYOUBI; AS MARKED ON LETTER, COPIES ALSO GIVEN TO SARG MINISTER OF FINANCE EL-SHARIF AND MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES MUSTAFA. YOUSSEF ALSO MENTIONED HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER AND LEFT COPY OF LETTER WITH PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL ADVISER, ADIB DAOUDI.

2. LETTER IS SIMILAR TO THAT TRANSMITTED IN REF B. FIRST PARA IS SAME EXCEPT LAST TWO SENTENCES RE OIL DELIVERIES IN JORDAN AND LEBANON OMITTED. SECOND PARA IS SAME DOWN THROUGH "NOW AND IN THE FUTURE." THEN FOLLOWING ADDED:  
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"IF SUCH A SOLUTION IS NOT REACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE,

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TRANSIT COUNTRIES WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DEPEND ON TRANSIT AND RELATED PAYMENTS." NEXT THREE PARAS RE MEDRECO, SIDON EXPERTS AND OIL FROM OTHER SOURCES FOR LEBANON OMITTED. LAST PARA IS SAME.

3. EL-YOUSSEF SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO REACTION AT TIME OF DELIVERY FROM MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND HAD NOT MET PERSONALLY WITH PRIME MINISTER. MINFINANCE HAD ASKED TAPLINE TO FURNISH DETAILS OF CONTRACT AND EXPLANATION WHY FULL CESSATION OPERATIONS WOULD NOT BE BREACH OF CONTRACT. EL-YOUSSEF FELT THIS WAS MERELY STALLING TACTIC. EL-YOUSSEF FOUND DAOUDI THE MOST SENSITIVE TO POLITICAL ASPECTS OF ISSUE BUT DOUBTED PRESIDENCY WOULD TAKE ACTION UNTIL LETTER REACHED IT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.  
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